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3. I said we hoped for good relations with all countries. So far as Communist China concerned, if she could be brought over long term to become responsible member world community, particularly in such matters as disarmament, this would seem to be desirable goal. Winiewicz agreed, although without much enthusiasm.

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